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STRATTON HEIRS
WIN \$6,000,000
SUIT OVER MINE

Judge Adams in United States Court of Appeals Sustains Lower Tribunal's Action in London Company's Litigation.

CASE INVOLVED GREAT
CRIPPLE CREEK FIELDS

Court Deciding for Defendant Declared No Evidence Was Presented Showing Complicating Concern Lost by Transactions.

Judge Elmer B. Adams, sitting in the United States Court of Appeals, rendered an opinion in favor of the defendant Monday in the case of the Stratton Independence Limited Co. of London against the estate of William S. Stratton, brought to recover \$6,000,000.

The original case was tried before Judge Riner of the United States Circuit Court of Colorado, and an appeal was taken from his decision in favor of the defendant. This decision was sustained by Judge Adams.

It was charged by the plaintiff company that Stratton during his life had made fraudulent representations and been guilty of fraudulent practices in the sale of a mine in the Cripple Creek, Colo., district to the plaintiff company; that he had represented to the company that the property sold was worth \$10,000,000, that the ore already in sight was worth \$5,000,000 and that the sample which the defendant showed in support of this statement were "salted."

The defendant denied all the allegations made by the plaintiff company and charged that it had bought the Stratton mine for \$1,000,000 of the capital stock, that this represented all the stock that had been issued; that at the time of the purchase the plaintiff corporation had no assets except the Stratton mine, and that, therefore, it gave to Stratton exactly what it received from him. It took a title to the mine and gave back the stock.

Point in Decision.

The defendant further alleged that the plaintiff company, in the shape of this stock, gave back all beneficial interest in the profits, so that Stratton, also, had the same property as before, and no more.

It was shown in the testimony that, through the agency of London brokers, Stratton had sold the stock for \$10,000,000. The three points on which the decision was based were: first, that damage or injury resulting from false representation is essential to the right of recovery; second, that the question of damage in such an action is the difference in value between what was parted with on the strength of false representations and what was received by the deceived parties; third, that the difference in value between the mine property received by the plaintiff company and the stock which it gave back to Stratton had not been damaged by false representations if and when the stock was sold.

Judge Adams, in deciding the case, stated that all the corporate stock issued was sold to Stratton and that the stock had not greater value than the property acquired by him; that the \$10,000,000 did not belong to Stratton, but was the property of the plaintiff company, and that the result of a contract later made between Stratton and the Venture Corporation, limited; that, if in alienating any of the stock, Stratton had deceived the purchasers, then he would be liable to the plaintiff company of the stock but not to the plaintiff in this case.

It was not shown that in the transaction between Stratton and the corporation there was an agreement that the corporation should sell the stock for \$10,000,000 and transfer the money to Stratton, as had been alleged, therefore, the decision of the lower court was affirmed in favor of the defendant.

FREEZE NOW FOLLOWS THAW

Slight Drop in Temperature Predicted for Tuesday by the Weather Forecaster.

The thawing temperature will hold forth another day and perhaps longer. While the sun is not expected to shine brightly Tuesday, the indications are not that the mercury will fall to a point where the accumulated ice and snow can hold its own. The forecast: "Partly cloudy Monday night and Tuesday; no decided change of temperature; variable winds; minimum temperature Monday night, near 32 degrees above zero."

THIS IS THE WAY I CAME UP, BRADWAY THIS MORNING!

The North Atlantic coast, the Ohio valley, southern Illinois and eastern Missouri there was snow, and south of that line, rain. The heaviest precipitation was at Vicksburg, Miss., where 1.64 inches was recorded. The temperature east of the Rocky mountains was stationary.

Attachment for Witness.

An attachment for Mrs. Koran of Lexington, St. Louis County, was issued by Judge Ryan of the Circuit court Monday.

Mrs. Koran is regarded as an essential witness in the divorce suit brought by James Gardner against Nellie Gardner, and she is called to appear in court at 10 o'clock Tuesday at the St. Louis County court.

EVEN CHILDREN
SENT TO CELLS
TO CALM CZAR

Trembling Russian Ruler Seeks Danger Even in Petty Attempts at Rebellion Among Pupils of Schools of St. Petersburg.

ARISTOCRATS, IN TERROR,
ASK, "WHO WILL BE NEXT?"

Members of Imperial Family and Leaders of Government Prisoners in Their Palaces—Late Grand Duke to Rest in Moscow.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—For attempting, in violation of the university students, to organize strikes among the pupils in St. Petersburg schools, many children of tender years have been arrested.

Such is the condition of panic among the members of the imperial family and the government leaders known to have been condemned by the nihilists' tribunal, that no one is safe from suspicion.

The government's alarm is the greater since the danger is of a character that it can hardly be escaped. The best proof of the authorities' apprehension is in the decision not to bring the Grand Duke Sergius' body to St. Petersburg for burial. Instead, it will be placed next Thursday in the receiving vault of the Chudoff monastery at Moscow.

Ancient custom requires the Czar and members of the imperial family to attend state funerals in the capital. At such a gathering a single bomb might wipe out the dynasty. The aristocrats dare not take the risk.

With all his guards, Gen. Trepoft, governor-general of Moscow, fears to leave his palace. Neither the Czar nor the Grand Dukes Vladimir nor Alexis has stirred abroad since Sergius was killed. The Grand Dukes Constantine and Paul will probably represent the Czar at the Moscow services. Constantine has never mixed in politics and is personally popular. The Czar, however, through Ambassador McCormick, a message of condolence from President Roosevelt, containing an expression of the abhorrence felt by the American government and people for crimes like that of the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius.

It is reported that Father Gapon has reached Marseilles on his way to Rome. He is said to be accompanied by several students.

FAINTED DURING 30TH DANCE

Mrs. Maggie O'Brien, Who Succumbed at Trunkmakers' Ball, Has Been Suffering Since.

Mrs. Maggie O'Brien, aged 24, of 2708 Lucas avenue, was still suffering Monday from the effects of fainting at the trunkmakers' ball at the West St. Louis Turner hall.

When Mrs. O'Brien fell unconscious, her companion, Miss Murphy, and their escort, Mr. O'Brien, rushed to the hospital, where she recovered three hours later. She was discharged from the hospital Sunday afternoon, but has since been subject to fainting spells at intervals.

FILE NAMES FOR
DEM. PRIMARY

Many Candidates Place Their Petitions on Last Filing Day.

Petitions have been filed up to noon Monday, the last day, in the election commissioner's office for placing the following names on the ticket to be voted for at the Democratic primary, March 11: House of Delegates: W. J. Dillon, Twenty-fourth ward; James W. Nash, Twenty-sixth ward; James F. Connell, Twenty-fifth ward; William Buol, Twelfth ward; Peter J. Schlick, Seventh ward; Emmet P. Bentley, Twenty-third ward; Timothy McAuliffe, Third ward; H. C. Osterberg, Twenty-second ward; W. J. Brennan, Sixteenth ward; George Noyes, Nineteenth ward; Henry J. Ballman, council-at-large; James J. O'Brien, president board of assessors; Joseph Boyce, president City Council; P. J. McMahon, inspector weights and measures.

PLUMBER'S BILL COSTLY.

Mrs. Maratta Loses Suit to Prevent Paying Balance.

Mrs. M. J. Maratta's appeal from Justice Hanley's decision, holding her liable for a plumber's bill of \$4.75 was decided against her by Judge Reynolds of the Circuit court Monday. The case was heard in Circuit court Sept. 23, and has been under advisement ever since.

F. J. Whelan was the plaintiff and he alleged that he furnished a gas heater and did other plumbing work for Mrs. Maratta at 33 North Vandeventer avenue. His bill was \$4 for the heater, \$2 for the plumber's time and \$2.75 for other items. Mrs. Maratta, he says, paid \$2, but refused to pay judgment, but Mrs. Maratta appealed.

The costs in the case, for payment of which Mrs. Maratta gave bond when she appealed, amount to several times as much as the amount she objected to paying.

Mrs. L. M. Le Verne on the Soul.

Mrs. L. M. Le Verne will give a talk on "The Capabilities and Possibilities of the Soul" at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Sawyer, at 1012 North Broadway, Tuesday at 8 p. m.

A Post-Dispatch Artist's Impressions of Kratz,
Defendant in the Famous Boodle Trial at ButlerLIFE CRUSHED OUT
BETWEEN CAR FLOORS

Collision on Mobile and Ohio Fatal to Man on Train on Siding.

James Shoplaugh, who lived with his wife and 11 children at 1314 Collins street, St. Louis, was killed in a collision between a freight train and a passenger train on the Mobile and Ohio road, two miles below East St. Louis, at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Shoplaugh was engaged with a switching crew that was handling an engine and 12 flat cars. These took a side track to allow the passage of a northbound freight train.

The members of the crew were standing on and about the cars. Shoplaugh was on one of the cars; immediately in front of it and facing south was the floor of which was a foot or more higher than that of the car on which Shoplaugh was standing.

Through an oversight of some member of the crew, the switch was left open, and the freight train, with scarcely slackened speed, crashed into the switching engine. There was time for Shoplaugh to jump, and the floor of the higher car, pushed back by the force of the collision, swept the car on which Shoplaugh was standing, caught him underneath it and crushed him to death.

No one else was hurt, but two engines and several cars were smashed. Shoplaugh's body was taken to East St. Louis, Sunday morning, but has since been subject to fainting spells at intervals.

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN
IS TRIED FOR ARSON

Mrs. McInturf Charged With Implication in Firing Lawton Avenue Rooming House.

The trial of Mrs. Nora McInturf, charged with arson, began Monday before Judge Withrow and a jury in criminal division No. 10 of the Circuit court. Mrs. McInturf is charged with having assisted Mrs. Clara Chase in setting fire to the house at 2706 Lawton avenue on Sept. 23.

Mrs. Chase conducted a World's Fair rooming house at that number. The two women went to the World's Fair the morning of the fire. Firemen who responded to the alarm found the house burning in five places.

The two women were arrested and Mrs. Chase pleaded guilty, saying that she did it because the house had been unprofitable and she was bound by a lease. She implicated Mrs. McInturf. Mrs. Chase was sent to jail for a year.

Mrs. McInturf was stylishly clad when she appeared in court Monday. She is an attractive woman. She denies that she had any part in setting the house afire. Mrs. Chase will be a witness against her.

Alonso Drain, Lieut. Robert Young and Lieut. Charles Meyers of the fire department testified in finding fires in five places in the house.

MATCH ON FLOOR STARTS FIRE

Mrs. William Sleet Started While Preparing Sunday Dinner.

A match that had been dropped in a pool of coal oil on the kitchen floor was the origin of a fire at 333 Folson avenue and also gave Mrs. William Sleet, who lived on the match, a scare that caused her to lose all thought of the Sunday dinner she was preparing.

The Sleet family's fat and the one above accepted by Joseph Sleet were both badly damaged by the fire. The combined loss of the Sleet family was estimated at \$1,000.

VOTE ON SENATOR
HAS USUAL RESULT

Twenty-Seventh Ballot at Jefferson City Shows No Sign of Break in Deadlock.

Niederhous 41
Cockrell 13
Kerens 12
McKinley 4
Hooten 4
Pettibone 1

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—The twenty-seventh senatorial ballot brought no sign of change today in the situation.

Representative Wainwright of Kansas City voted for L. M. Hooten of Webster County. It has just developed that Mr. Wainwright, in balloting every day for a different candidate, has won support for various legislative measures which he advocates.

The vote was as follows: Niederhous, 41; Cockrell, 13; Kerens, 12; McKinley, 4; Hooten, 1; Pettibone, 1.

OVERSTATED HER
AGE; DAY IN PRISON

Girl Who Said She Was 17 Released From Felony Charge Because Only 15.

Overstating her age was the cause of Hulda Justafson spending two nights and a day in jail.

When Hulda was arrested Saturday, accused of taking three diamond rings, valued at \$300, from Mrs. H. C. Hueskamp of 5554 Cabanne avenue, she said she was 17 years old and a warrant charging her with grand larceny was issued.

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DISCOVERED DEAD
BESIDE HIS ANVIL

Cornelius O'Connell, 80 years old, was found dead Monday in a blacksmith shop at 715 North Vandeventer avenue beside the anvil which had been his lifelong companion through many troublesome years.

His prostrate body was found by Thomas Quinn when the latter opened the shop. Near the outstretched hand was a hammer, which, it is believed, he had in his hand when he fell.

Life had been extinct for several hours when the body was found.

O'Connell had been a blacksmith all his life until a few years ago when he became too feeble to work at his trade. He could not remain away from the anvil and could not do any other work.

CHAS. KRATZ DEMANDS
GRANDJURY SECRETS
FOR HIS DEFENSE

Ex-Councilman, Whose Trial for Bribery Was Called at Butler, Mo., Contends They Will Show Insufficient Evidence for Indictment.—"Glad to Meet You," Greeting to Sager.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

BUTLER, Mo., Feb. 20.—When the case of the stage of Missouri against former City Councilman Charles Kratz of St. Louis was announced by Judge Denton at 10:15 this morning, Circuit Attorney Sager discovered that Kratz was not in the courtroom.

After three years' delay the trial of the man charged with having accepted a bribe of \$20,000 from Philip Stock, legislative agent of the Suburban Railway Co., to vote for and secure the votes of other councilmen for the passage of a bill granting franchise extensions, was finally called.

Attorney Harvey Clark explained that Kratz was doing well and had asked to be excused from attendance in court until the preliminary motions were disposed of. Kratz had been in court earlier in the morning for ten minutes.

Mr. Sager said he would not insist on Kratz's immediate appearance if the record showed he had already been arraigned. Examination showed that Kratz had been arraigned. The state thereupon announced readiness and former Judge Harvey, for Kratz, presented a motion to quash the indictment. He read the motion declaring the indictment defective for several reasons, notably for duplicity.

Attorney Harvey contended that the indictment charges two separate offenses; that Kratz accepted a bribe to vote in favor of a council bill, and that Kratz subsequently voted for this bill contrary to law. He also contended that in one part of the indictment the name of the person who made the agreement with Kratz is not specified, while in another part Philip Stock is named. Incidentally Harvey asked that the indictment be quashed because it fails to set forth the right of the council to pass a street railway bill on petition of property owners and also fails to state that the council bill was lawfully before the council.

The duplicity allegation caused extended argument. Harvey held it had never been passed on by the Supreme court in other bribery cases. Assistant Circuit Attorney Fickelstein said it had been ruled on in the Myersburg case. Mr. Sager, argued that the indictment charged only one offense. He said that the action of Kratz in voting for the Suburban bill was simply the fulfillment of his original act in agreeing to accept a bribe to do so.

Motion to Quash Overruled.

While the argument proceeded Kratz came into the courtroom and took a seat inside Judge Denton's private office, where he could see and hear the proceedings through an open door.

After an argument between Fickelstein and Harvey, Judge Denton overruled the motion to quash.

Judge Harvey then walked into the room, where Kratz sat, to insure his signature to a motion to quash the indictment.

The defense bent all its energies to induce the court to grant the motion. Sager fought the motion vigorously. This argument was the feature of the opening adjournment.

At 11:30 o'clock Judge Denton said he doubted if he could order the exposure of grand jury records, and recess was taken until 2 o'clock to give him time to look up authorities.

TWO WOMEN IN COURT
WHEN CASE WAS CALLED.

When court resumed at 2 o'clock Mrs. Sager, who had been in court since 11 o'clock, and Mrs. Sager, who had been in court since 11 o'clock, were the only women in court.

"TRADE INJURED
BY \$2 PER CAR
RECONSIGNMENT"

Theodore R. Ballard Tells Joint Legislative Committee That Extra Switching Expense Sends Shippers to Other Markets.

COMPLAIN OF EXCESSIVE
TERMINAL CHARGES

Business Men Also Say St. Louis Lacks Switching Facilities and Tell of Delays in Railroad Companies' Yards.

Bridge and terminal charges as they affect the trade of St. Louis were exhaustively gone into by the joint legislative committee of the State Senate and House of Representatives, which met at the Southern Hotel at 11 o'clock Monday morning, with Senator Gardner of St. Louis County presiding.

Theodore R. Ballard, former president of the Merchants' Exchange and a member of the grain commission firm of Ballard, Messmore and Co., testified that the greatest complaint at present was against the \$2 per car "reconsignment" charge which recently went into effect on most of the railroads entering St. Louis. This charge greatly interfered with and injured the trade of St. Louis. It involved an extra expense of considerable magnitude to shippers, and its effect was to send them to other markets, Chicago and Kansas City, for example.

Witness stated that he had recently traveled in his firm's trade territory, and in conversations with shippers, they told him frankly that the reconsignment charge was operating to make them abandon St. Louis. This charge is made in every instance where a car must be switched from the tracks of the reconsigning line into St. Louis, and it is in addition to the regular terminal and switching charges.

Mr. Ballard also complained to the committee that grain can now be shipped into St. Louis from all points west of Springfield, Mo., and the Missouri river without the terminal charges of about 1 cent per bushel that are charged on all shipments from east of the places named. He stated also that the operation of such a practice was to divert shipments from St. Louis to New Orleans.

F. L. Robinson of the Missouri Freight and Supply Co., which has an elevator on the Wabash switch near Teressa avenue, exhibited to the committee a freight bill on which, for one carload of hay, \$1.22 went to the Terminal Company for bridge and switching; \$2 to the Wabash for switching from Compton avenue to the elevator, and \$1.22 for reconsignment, making a total of \$1.22 charges in St. Louis. He complained of the reconsignment charge from the Wabash east to the Wabash west, and also of being charged \$2 for switching a car a distance of one block. He stated that it cost him \$7 for one car of hay transferred from North St. Louis to his elevator, \$2 for terminal charges and \$2 for reconsignment.

C. C. Greene of the Iowa Central R.R. Co., which is located on a Wabash switch at Teressa avenue and Manchester road, complained of being charged \$2 for switching one car of oil from the Terminal track to his reservoir, a distance of 10 blocks. He stated that the Wabash Railroad assesses this charge on freight shipped over it, but if over a non-competing road, the Missouri Pacific, the charge was only \$2 per car.

Witness stated that most of his shipments came over the C. & O. and that therefore he was subject to the charge in nearly every instance. He stated that the fact that the Iowa Central R.R. Co. could save from \$7 to \$8 per car, and still that it was a total of \$20,000 a year in terminal charges, and that one of the Niederhous company had also told him that that company had gone to the east.

Further evidence was given by E. L. Robinson of the Standard Oil Co. pipes its oil from East St. Louis. Another disadvantage under which St. Louis lags behind Kansas City is the lack of terminal switching facilities. The Missouri Pacific, the Wabash and the Union Pacific all have switching facilities at terminal switches of the city.

Ellas Michael of the Rice-Six Dry Goods Co. followed Mr. Robinson. Mr. Michael told the committee his concern's warehouse was located on a Terminal track. He thought that the principal trouble as far as delays in switching freight in this vicinity is the railroad companies' busy yard room.

Senator Gardner made it a point to inquire from all the witnesses as to whether or not 48 hours would be considered long enough to switch cars from one point in St. Louis to another. Mr. Ballard said that he could ship grain from Omaha to St. Louis in that period.

Senator Gardner said that his object in inquiring for information on this point was due to the fact that the time for switching cars is given to switch cars from one point in St. Louis to another. Mr. Ballard said that he could ship grain from Omaha to St. Louis in that period.

The joint legislative committee adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Two Flats Robbed.

Thieves Ransack First and Second Floors in Families' Absences.

Report was made to the police Monday of the robbery of the first and second floors of a flat at 200 North Vandeventer, occupied by the family of Mrs. J. P. Sawyer, during the absence of both husband and wife.

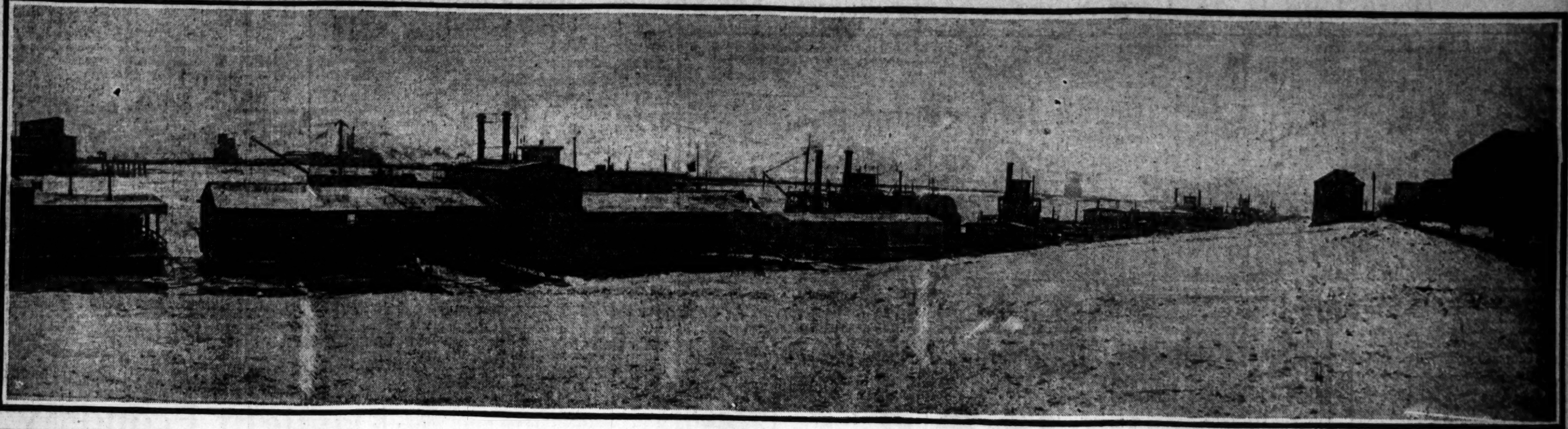
In the first floor flat, occupied by Mrs. Sawyer, a party of four thieves entered the room early in the morning and stole a quantity of jewelry and other valuables.

The second floor flat, occupied by Mrs. Sawyer, was also robbed. The thieves stole a quantity of jewelry and other valuables.

MRS. STANFORD THE VICTIM OF A PLOT

5.00

Steamboats Menaced by Approaching Break-Up of the Ice Gorge.



INVESTIGATION OF SWITCHING CHARGES

Interstate Commerce Commission Hears Testimony of Terminal Officers and Shippers.

HEARING COVERS COUNTRY

Complaint of Bates for Handling Hay in East St. Louis Also Considered.

C. A. Prouty, of the Interstate commission is hearing testimony in the Federal court room on the general charge that published joint rates and other allowances, including switching charges are not being strictly adhered to in St. Louis.

The Terminal Railroad Association and the railroads having terminals in the city are respondents in the hearing. The hearing is general throughout the country, including many cities, and it was in the course of this hearing in Chicago that the evidence was secured which placed Secretary of the Navy Merton in the position of a rebate giver while vice-president of the Santa Fe system.

Those who will be called as witnesses during the hearing in St. Louis are: W. B. McChesney, president and general manager of the Terminal; Hugh McKittrick of the Harzardine-McKittrick Dry Goods Co.; L. W. Childress, secretary of the Columbia Transfer Co.; S. F. Pryor, sales manager for the Simmons Hardware Co.; Edward Weber of the Weber Drayage and Warehouse Co.; B. F. Irwin of 2808 Cermeno; and Whitely Layton, a baking powder manufacturer. J. T. Moore and F. N. Day.

Prior to taking up the question of rebates with the terminals, Mr. Prouty heard evidence on the complaint of the St. Louis Hay and Grain Co. that the Mobile & Ohio in East St. Louis charges 2 cents for each 1000 pounds on hay shipments for switching and an additional 2 cents on each 1000 pounds of recognized shipments. Both charges are held by the complainant to be unfair and a discrimination in the method of handling hay against grain.

The same company is complainant in the second case taken up in which the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and eight other systems, having terminals in East St. Louis, are charged with discrimination against hay shipments in charging 2 cents for reconsignment and 2 cents demurrage for cars held over two days.

It is alleged by the complaining company that the two divisions of the interstate commerce laws and the agents' agreement, in which five days was named as "the free use of cars," were made by Mr. Prouty in connection with the hearing Tuesday noon to keep engagements in other cities. Should the evidence not all have been heard by that time, an adjourned session will be held.

Mr. Prouty gives no decision, but takes the evidence for presentation to the commission.

TAAFE NOW DOUBLY CHARGED.

The arrest of Thomas Taaffe, a bartender, of Seventh and Morgan streets, was doubly unfortunate for him because it brought to light two indictments against him instead of one.

Taaffe was arrested last week on a bench warrant charging him with fraudulent registration. He gave bond.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Patrick Regan was looking through the pigeon-hole of his desk Monday and came across a bench warrant issued against Taaffe in November charging him with permitting a bullet box to be stuffed. At that time he was not found.

He will be rearrested Monday on the old bench warrant.

St. Louis has more Post-Dispatch readers every day than it has homes.

"First in everything."

Marriage in Lindell Hotel.

Miss Minnie Meyers of Chicago and W. H. Lewis of St. Louis were married at the Lindell Hotel, Sunday night. Rabbi Samuel Hale of Shaare Emeth Temple officiating. Mrs. Charles Meyers acted as matron of honor and Max Bernstein as groomsmen. Other guests were: Edward Meyers of Chicago, father of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. J. Woughalter of St. Louis and Moses Carter of Des Moines, Ia. The young couple are spending their honeymoon at French Lick Springs, Ind.

"I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS WRONG," IS PLEA OF THIS WIFE OF THREE



Daughter of Belgian Inn Keeper, Wearing Diamonds, Pins and Rings, Given by Husbands, Tearfully Tells Police No. 3 First Warned Her of Possible Trouble.

Mrs. Mathilda Van Wassenhof Van Oost-Ringler, blue-eyed and cheerful, frankly admits that she has three living husbands without a divorce from any of them, and presents the defense that she did not know she was acting contrary to the law.

A warrant charging her with bigamy was issued Monday morning. In the matron's room at the Four Courts she expressed the belief that her last husband, Frank Ringler, whom she married a week ago and who fought with the other two husbands Sunday to prevent her arrest, would be her friend in her present trouble.

Mrs. Mathilda Van Wassenhof Van Oost-Ringler was married to Henry Van Oost in her home town, Waerville, Belgium, in July, 1892, when she was 15 years old. Van Oost was 20 years her senior. He had been in America and went back to Belgium with glowing tales of the high wages of \$1.00, or about 7 francs, which he could earn every day. This seemed a fortune to Mathilda, the hard-working daughter of Carl Van Wassenhof, an innkeeper, and she married him and came to St. Louis.

They went to live at California and Gravois avenues. Van Oost made \$1.50 a day, as he had expected, but it was not a fortune. The wife worked as she had done in Belgium, and, despite the birth of two sons, she was dissatisfied.

First Husband Friendly.

Joseph Rosen, a grocer's clerk, heard her tales of discontent, fell in love with her, proposed, was accepted, and, eight years ago, they ran away to Chicago.

After three weeks they came back to St. Louis and lived at 2221 Hickory street. Van Oost and his wife met frequently, she says, and were friendly.

After seven years of life with Rosen, she says, she left him and went to a boarding house at 1311 North Broadway. Frank Ringler was a boarder there. He promptly fell in love with the buxom young woman, and his courtship was rewarded last Monday when she went with him to Justice "Bobby" Carroll's court-room and married him. They went to live

on the second floor of the three-story house at 1307 South Seventh street.

Mrs. Van Wassenhof Van Oost-Ringler says after the marriage she told Ringler of her marriage to Van Oost and he asked her if she had been divorced. She told him "no," and then he gave her his first intimation that she had broken the laws of the land. He prophesied that there would be trouble, and she was afraid. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, while they were in their room on the second floor, Rosen came to the house. The woman ran to the third floor and hid. Rosen followed her. He weighs 200 pounds. Ringler, who weighs 150 pounds, opposed Rosen's efforts to take the trunk. They fought and rolled down the stairs. The landlady interfered and saved the trunk, and Rosen left, vowing vengeance.

Husband No. 1 on Scene.

At 8 o'clock Van Oost appeared, accompanied by two policemen. Ringler opposed him, as he had opposed Rosen, and there was a conflict which the policemen stopped. Mrs. Van Wassenhof Van Oost-Ringler settled the dispute as to whose wife she was by saying she "guessed" she was the wife of both, and she and the two men were taken to the Boulay street police station, where she was locked in a cell.

Van Oost declared he would prosecute, and Ringler said he would appear at the warrant office to tell of his part in the mixed matrimonial incident. They were released, and the woman was taken to the matron's room at the Four Courts Monday morning. Mrs. Wassenhof Van Oost-Ringler had in her ears diamond earrings given her by Van Oost, a watch given her by Rosen, and a wedding ring given her by Ringler. "Oh," she said, "I gave presents to Van Oost, and when I left him I kept the earrings. I gave presents to Rosen, and when I left I kept the watch; the wedding ring, it is mine."

Shots in Chase for Negro.

Edward Jackson, colored, is held by the police pending application for a warrant charging him with assault with intent to kill. Jackson was arrested by Patrolmen Conley and Baldwin at Compton avenue, Chester and Montrose avenues, during which a number of shots were fired by both the police and the negro. The attention of the police was attracted by several shots, and they saw Jackson running away, they reported. Jackson lives at 238 Clark avenue.

"KING'S" SUBJECTS DRAW COLOR LINE

Mourners for Slain Lithuanian "Monarch" Refuse to Ride With Negro Driver.

RACE FEUD FROM MURDER

Funeral Party Attired in Garments Worn at Joseph Sorotch's Wedding.

Because Joseph Sorotch, late "King of Little Lithuania," was slain by a negro, the angry Lithuanians drew the color line even at his funeral Sunday afternoon, refusing to ride in a carriage driven by a colored man. The carriage was one of a number provided by Undertaker Walsh of East St. Louis.

At the close of the funeral ceremonies at the residence of the late "King," 431 Collinsville avenue, those attending came out and entered the waiting carriages. But it was noticed that all avoided a choice of the carriage on the box of which sat a colored driver. Finally, when this was the only carriage left, the announcement was made that no one would ride in it as long as the negro driver remained in charge, and Undertaker Walsh was compelled to substitute a white man.

It is said that the Lithuanians will also refuse hereafter to work on contracts where colored men are employed, and there are some apprehensions of a bloody race conflict soon as the result of the bitter racial feud created by the killing of Sorotch.

The death watch over the body of Sorotch on Saturday night was kept by the same friends who constituted the bridal party at his wedding three weeks ago, and the women of the party wore the wedding garments in which they had appeared at the first event, also attending the funeral in the same attire.

The body lay in state at the Sorotch residence and hundreds called in token of respect to the memory of the dead man.

WARMLY DEBATE FRANCHISE.

Rivals Bitter Over Manufacturers' Railroad Question.

The Tenth Ward Improvement Association Sunday added another decision to its already substantial number in regard to the question of support of the Manufacturers' railroad franchise, and endorsed the action of the executive board in rescinding the former endorsement of the franchise by the association in mass meeting.

Edward Rosenthal and H. C. Koenig, leaders in the opposing factions during a debate on the question, became bitter in the epithets used and continued it until they were called to order by the president. Koenig declared that the action of the executive board nullified the association, while Rosenthal upheld the board. The tilt was finally ended and both men apologized to the assembly.

The following nominations of officers for the election to be held March 13, were made:

President, D. Bittmann; vice-chairmen, Otto P. Karbe, Edward Ulrich and Frederick Rosenthal; secretary, Edward Rosenthal; financial secretary, E. Eckelmann; treasurer, Martin Hacker; sergeant-at-arms, Andrew Ruppel and John Mullich; executive board, Otto P. Karbe, C. Brink, John T. Nolde, John Nolde, H. C. Koenig, Edward Ulrich, W. B. Eckelmann, John Hahn, Carl G. Fisher, William Dienstbach, J. H. Peters, Andrew Ruppel, Frederick Hessel and H. W. Kaiser.

CROWD AT "KING'S" FUNERAL.

Wedding Attendants of Joseph Sorotch From His Death Watch.

Those who were the wedding attendants for Joseph Sorotch, King of Little Lithuania, East St. Louis, formed the death watch previous to the funeral of the king Sunday afternoon.

The attire they wore at the wedding served for their funeral garments and their grief was as sincere as was their merrymaking at the wedding.

Sorotch was fatally shot Thursday morning in a battle with negroes in his saloon. Mrs. Sorotch and Joseph Sorotch's brother were wounded. Sunday afternoon hundreds attended the funeral at 431 Collinsville avenue and offered their sympathy to the widow.

CHILDREN MOURN FOR "UNCLE NEIL," KEEPER OF ST. LOUIS PARK

Neil McGroarty, Friend of All the Little Ones, Dies From Paralytic Stroke.

JOINED IN THEIR GAMES

Unable to Read "Keep Off the Grass" Signs to Young Merry-makers.

The children who play in St. Louis Park will be sincere mourners at the funeral of Neil McGroarty, "Uncle Neil," they called him, Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, when the body will be taken from the house at 215 North Fifteenth street, which had been Mr. McGroarty's home for 40 years, to St. Michael's Church for the last service.

"Uncle Neil" had been superintendent of the park, west of Twenty-first street, between Benton and Hebert streets, for only two years, but when he was appointed there was general rejoicing among the children of the neighborhood. They had all known him as their firm friend, and many of their parents had known "Uncle Neil" as a friend of children.

Mr. McGroarty was born in Ireland 63 years ago and came to St. Louis when two years old. His father was chief teamster for Henry Amos & Co., the pork packers, and when his sons became old enough to drive teams, they were enlisted in this work and all of them continued in the service of the company until it withdrew from the trade in 1881. After that Neil McGroarty became a general teamster.

Long ago Mr. McGroarty became known as "Uncle Neil" in the neighborhood where he had lived since he had attained manhood. He had never married, living with his sister, Miss Susan McGroarty, and lavishing his affection upon the children of the neighborhood. As the children grew to be men and women, they clung to the name endeared to them from childhood associations and their children took it up and for years it had been the common name used in the neighborhood.

As a young man, Mr. McGroarty was a member of the volunteer fire company that drew the old engine, "Liberty," in many a race with rival companies that marked the fires of early days.

As keeper of the park, "Uncle Neil" always professed inability to read when the children asked him what the "keep-off-the-grass" signs meant. He maintained the parks were for children, and parks without grass would not be parks, and he thought the children should be permitted to enjoy them to the full extent. To older persons he was not so lenient, but never, unless forced to, would he warn a party of the younger merry-makers from the grassy knolls.

He also joined in their games and taught the little ones the games he had enjoyed as a boy. He was regarded by the little ones as one of their kind, as well as a friend.

Two weeks ago Mr. McGroarty was stricken with paralysis. He grew steadily worse from the time of the attack. Many inquiries were made for his body at the house during his illness and the news of his death at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon spread rapidly through the neighborhood. Aside from the sister, Miss Fannie Gallagher, a niece who lived in the household, and Edward J. McGroarty of 182 North 10th street, a brother, survive.

St. Louis has more Post-Dispatch readers every day than it has homes.

"First in everything."

Euchre for Church Benefit.

There will be a euchre given Monday evening, Feb. 27, at the West End Liederkreis Hall, 250 Easton avenue, for the benefit of the Visitation Church. The parishioners are planning many novel and entertaining features. Games will start promptly at 8 o'clock. The parish priests, Rev. Fathers Dempsey and McCartney, extend an invitation to the members of the various Catholic churches in the city.

Money to Buy Coal for Poor.

In addition to contributions already acknowledged, the Post-Dispatch received Monday morning from Edward Mason of 320 Olive street, for the purchase of coal for the poor.

Lafayette Ladies' Masquerade.

Lafayette Aid Society No. 1 will give a grand masquerade ball, Saturday evening, March 4, at Social Turner Hall, Third and Monroe streets. A supper will be served at 7 o'clock. The society expects a large crowd to attend the entertainment.

AUTO TOOK THEM TO BELLEVILLE TO WED

Couple From St. Louis Stay Long Enough to Marry, Then Hurry Away.

Edgar Parkhurst, 27, and Mabel Norton, 23, both registering from St. Louis, arrived at the Belleville Hotel in an automobile Monday morning and went at once in quest of a marriage license.

They were accompanied by a second couple, and, when the license was procured, they were married in the parlor of the hotel by Justice William E. Ward.

Then the party of four adjourned to the automobile, which had been standing in front of the hotel meanwhile, and departed in the direction of St. Louis.

THREE TRAMPLED BY HORSE.

Walter Holke, aged 13, is at his home, 2313 Chouteau avenue, with a compound fracture of the left leg; John Donahue, aged 21, of 223 Hickory street, has a dislocated shoulder and Thomas Weakly of 239 La Salle street has a severe scalp wound, all caused by being knocked from a horse while coasting on the Missouri avenue hill Sunday afternoon.

The boys were about half way down the hill when they met a horse driven by Edward Torrance of 2413 Barnack street to a wagon of the Home Brewing Co.

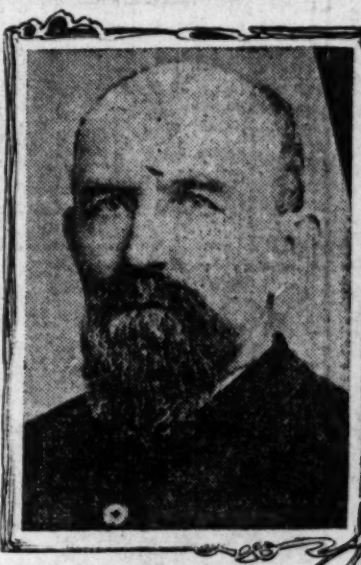
The horse became frightened and jumped onto the sled, knocking the boys from the sled and trampling them.

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RIDER HAGGARD COMING HERE

English Novelist About to Sail for America to Inspect Salvation Army Work.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The steamer Teutonic, which sails from Liverpool for New York Feb. 22, will have among her passengers Rider Haggard, the author, who has been appointed a commissioner to inquire into the conditions and character of the agricultural and industrial land settlements organized in America by the Salvation Army.

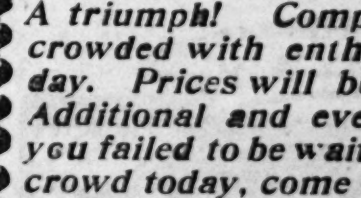
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City's Battle Against Snow and Slush in Streets Renewed With Vim With First Signs of Approaching Spring

WAGONS AT CITY HALL
DRIVERS AWAITING ASSIGNMENTS

Regiment of Men and Battalions
of Teams and Wagons Busy
Since Dec. 26.

WORK HAS COST \$50,000

Mountain of Snow on River Front
Extends Six Blocks North
of Eads Bridge.

With the passing of the extreme cold and the appearance of signs of spring, the municipal street department has doubled its efforts to clear away the snow and slush which has filled St. Louis streets for two months.

It has been a pitched battle lasting almost without cessation from Dec. 26 to the present moment. On the day after Christmas came the first heavy snowfall of the winter of 1904-05, the bitterest winter experienced for nearly a generation.

The records of the local weather forecast office make official revelation of the severity of the icy grip in which St. Louis has shivered for nearly two months. The figures furnished to the Post-Dispatch by the weather bureau show that there have been 22 days of snow since Dec. 26, 1904. The total precipitation of snow for the same period amounts to 15.09 inches. The average minimum daily temperature record during that time is 13 degrees above zero. Comparison with preceding winters shows that this has been the bitterest winter known in St. Louis for many years.

The municipal fight against snow and slush has been made by the St. Louis street department through its street-cleaning division. A regiment of men and two battalions of teams and wagons have been kept constantly at work since Dec. 26, excepting only those days when the excessive cold made effective work impossible. During this period the sum of \$50,000 has been expended by the street department in the removal of snow from the streets.

As a result of this gigantic war there is now a mountain of snow on the river front such as was never before seen in this city. It extends for five or six city blocks north of the Eads bridge. It is 40 feet high at the river's edge, to which it extends from the railroad tracks that run along the St. Louis river front.

River Threatens Snow Alps.

This mountain makes an impressive spectacle, but it is a picture that will not be seen many days longer. The river has risen since this mountain was built by the snow being dumped from the wagons jangled in street-cleaning work and now the unique Alps of St. Louis is honeycombed throughout its eastern edge and likely to begin toppling into the river at any moment.

Moderating weather also makes reasonably certain the early destruction of the snow mountain, and this fact of milder weather is hailed by Street Commissioner Varrallmann with the sincerest delight. The street commissioner is nearly at the end of his resources of \$50,000 available for this work, the \$50,000 representing the total amount saved through several summers' postponement of winter street-cleaning work. Should there come another snow period who knows but that the street commissioner Varrallmann will then be compelled to draw on the various district funds of the street department, a necessity which he hopes will be averted.

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But, meanwhile, Mr. Varrallmann's army of street cleaners is hard at work. It is a picturesque and peculiar army, almost as rugged as that once led by the redoubtable Jack Falstaff, who vowed that there wasn't a whole shirt in his entire command. For, as may be understood, a man doesn't seek work cleaning the streets in zero weather unless he is in sore straits. There are some pathetic figures among the men enlisted for this blizzard service. Many of them have seen days of great prosperity, and there is more than one man now in the temporary street-cleaning department of St. Louis whose name in years past stood high in local mercantile or professional circles. Then, too, there are some who use the employment thus secured as "stepping stones" to higher things. Among the men now on the payroll of the street-cleaning department are two men who should have been in the employ of the street commissioner Varrallmann when they were in their present positions within a

day or so, following their arrival in St. Louis. They are not spending all their day's wage for food and shelter. A large proportion of the money thus earned is saved for the purpose of buying a small stock of goods with which to "go into trade."

At the present time there are 700 men and 300 teams engaged in the work of removing snow and slush from the city streets and transporting it to the snow dump, so that the city's street cleaners have borne the brunt of the winter's work.

Hail, gentle spring, and welcome, all that sort of thing—but wait! Of all the 700,000 people in St. Louis, these very street cleaners who have borne the brunt of the winter's work will probably

be the only ones who deplore the coming of spring, for then, like Othello, their occupation will be gone—and to them occupation, no matter how arduous and full of suffering, means food and shelter.

"Never before in St. Louis' history," says Street Commissioner Varrallmann, "has the city of St. Louis spent more than \$100,000 or \$125,000 for street cleaning in the same period, during which \$50,000 has had to be spent this year. This will give you some idea of the severity of the tough time we've been having since the day after Christmas."

"MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP SO FAR AS CONSISTENT WITH CITY'S ECONOMY"

—ROLLA WELLS.

Sole Candidate for Democratic Nomination for Mayor Outlines to Committee His Platform, Which Includes Policy of Extending the Park System.

With the time for filing petitions for places on the direct primary ticket closing at 5 o'clock this afternoon, Mayor Rolla Wells is the only candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office he now holds. The petition which was circulated in behalf of Mr. Wells three weeks ago while he was in the East, will be filed with the election commissioners on behalf of his right to be a candidate before the party primary to be held March 14.

Mr. Wells made public his willingness to again be a candidate Sunday afternoon in a letter addressed to Judge Elmer B. Adams, a committee representing the business and professional men who three weeks ago took up the work of securing his consent to be a candidate in spite of his frequent assertion that he would not seek the office.

In his letter to the committee, Mr. Wells outlines his platform. After the generalities, he says: "If I shall be renominated and elected I pledge myself to practice such economy in the expenditure of the public funds as is consistent with the public welfare."

"The city has a splendid destiny and must now confront the problems involved in its future greatness. I believe in that greatness and earnestly desire to promote the city's welfare. I am willing to accept the responsibilities of re-election. With assurance of my personal esteem, I am, very sincerely, 'ROLLA WELLS'."

FOOT ON JEWEL AT ACCIDENT.

Frank Schubert Accused of Stealing Diamond Ring.

A warrant was issued Monday morning charging Frank A. Schubert with grand larceny of a diamond ring valued at \$100 from Gustave Schueren of 309 Market street. The ring was recovered from Mrs. Schubert to whom Schubert is charged with presenting it, by Special Policemen Duffy and Kiley.

According to the story told Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dalton, Schubert left Feb. 4 as he was entering a saloon at 309 Market street, and the ring was found in his hand. The men who helped him to his feet remembered later that Schubert had placed the foot over something as Schubert fell, and later picked up the article and placed it in his pocket. This was recalled when Schubert made his complaint.

300-Mexico City and Return, 500 Via Iron Mountain Route. Double daily through sleeping car service. Tickets on sale March 1 to 7 inclusive. City ticket office, Ninth and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

SIX COUSINS PALLBEARERS.

Funeral of Harry McCarty, Police Telephone Operator.

The funeral of Harry McCarty, a police telephone operator, who died Saturday, took place at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from his late home, 322 Lawton street, to St. Francis Xavier Church and Calvary cemetery. Six of his cousins acted as pallbearers, they were Hal and Charles Ryan, Henry and Thomas Howe, Thomas Madden and Henry O'Neill. A beautiful floral piece was sent by the telephone operators of the police department. Mr. McCarty was 29 years old, had been a police telephone operator since 1901, having served in the Seventh, Eighth and World's Fair districts.

SUIT AGAINST ICE RINK CO.

The Morey Engineering and Construction Co., which had the contract for the reconstruction of Leonard avenue from Morgan street to Easton avenue, filed a petition in Circuit court Monday to have the property of the St. Louis Artificial Ice Rink Co. better known in recent months as the West End Club's boxing headquarters, sold for the satisfaction of its unpaid bills for \$22.51 against the property.

RAINDOLPH WINS DIVORCE SUIT

Wife's Cross-Bill Dismissed and She Is Assessed Costs of Case.

Richard Randolph, whose suit for divorce from Ella M. Randolph was heard in Judge Taylor's division of the Circuit court eight days ago, was Monday granted a decree of divorce.

The crossbill brought by Mrs. Randolph was dismissed, and she was assessed with the costs of the suit.

The charges brought by Randolph involved William H. How, a wealthy grocer of the West End, who is named as defendant in a suit brought by Randolph for alienation of affections. The testimony of Miss Mary Sylvester, a woman detective, who told of seeing Mrs. Randolph and How in Forest Park, was a feature of the trial.

Mrs. Randolph made a vigorous fight to deny her husband's allegations and establish her own right to a divorce. She accused her husband's mother, Mrs. L. L. Randolph, who was one of the strong witnesses against her at the trial, of being the cause of many of the quarrels between them.

One incident related at the trial was of the husband and mother-in-law barring the door of the Randolph home at 626A Wichita avenue against the wife. Mrs. Randolph shattered the glass in the door with a stone, wounding her husband in the hand, it was charged, and both were taken to the Police court. The suits for divorce and alienation of affection followed immediately.

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SENT HOME TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Hospital Doctors Perplexed by the Case of Joseph Curtis.

Convinced that homesickness was hurting Joseph Curtis more than his wound, City Hospital doctors prescribed travel to his home for him. Monday afternoon he will arrive in Cleveland and his mother's care will take the place of that of the doctors; and the latter have no doubt that his recovery will be rapid.

Curtis, who is 30 years old, shot himself in the abdomen early in the morning of Jan. 17 in his room at 2009 Gravois avenue.

because he was out of work, and has been in the City Hospital ever since. For some time he was in a critical condition, and even after the crisis in his case was past he did not improve as fast as he should have done. To the nurses and doctors he spoke frequently of his anxiety to go home. At first his condition was such that it would have been fatal for him to be moved even a short distance and he was told that it was out of the question for him to be sent home. He realized that this was true, but the realization did not keep him from being homesick and worrying constantly. Letters came at frequent intervals from his mother. She sent money to pay for a railroad ticket to take him home. The doctors tried to cheer him up with the assurance that as soon as it was safe for him to travel he could go home, but he could not content himself in the hospital. The hours seemed days and he was worried constantly. He told the doctors that he was sure that if he had his mother's care he would recover much more rapidly.

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New 34 Spring Covert Jackets, \$2.79

Jaunty little coats to be worn this spring; novel all-wool covert garments in the collarless style, with double-breasted front. They're the short hip, tight-fitting model with belt; women's and misses' sizes in 34 jackets at... \$2.79

\$1.00 Black Sateen Petticoats at 69c

Servicable Petticoats of good, glossy mercerized Black Sateens, with all seams double stitched. These are cut full and wide and have deep umbrella flounces, corded, plaited and ruffled; special \$1 grade at... 69c

New \$1.00 Wash Wrappers at 59c

Dainty Wrappers of fast color calicoes, in dark grounds with very neat patterns. These are cut very liberally and have 12-inch flounce, cap sleeves, over shoulder and fancy braided trimmed collar, yoke and cuffs; regular \$1 Wrappers at... 59c

Basement Wash Goods Bargains

DAINTY ORGANDIES AT 10c—Beautiful flowered Organadies, some with satin stripes—all the newest Spring styles—30 inches wide—25c values, at... 10c

10c DUCK FOR 7½c—These are in black and white grounds, with small neat dots, and sell regularly at 10c. Special, yard... 7½c

10c CHAMBRAY GINGHAMS, 7½c—These are in solid shades of blue and tan and never sell for less than 10c. Special, yard... 7½c

10c GINGHAMS AT 7½c—These are beautiful dainty checked sateen Gingham which make up so charmingly. A great variety of the regular 10c sorts at, yard... 7½c

12½c LAWN AT 7c—Beautiful floral and striped Lawns in a full line of the new colorings. Instead of 12½c they're, yard... 7c

10c TOWELS AT 7c—Good, heavy Huck Towels with white borders. Regular price 10c. Special, each... 7c

12½c TOWELS, 10c—Unusually large extra heavy Huck Towels in regular 12½c qualities, tomorrow at... 10c

18c TOWELS AT 14c—Linen Huck Towels with red and white borders. These are considered excellent values at 18c. Choice, each... 14c

25c TOWELS AT 18c—All linen Towels taken from our regular stocks. Various good 25c sorts at... 18c

75c SPREADS AT 55c—Extra heavy Marcelline Pattern Crochet Spreads in fine new designs, for double beds. Regular 75c spreads, at... 55c

12-4 WOOL BLANKETS, \$2.25—These have red, blue and pink borders with silk bindings. Just enough cotton in the warp to keep them from shrinking. Some are slightly soiled, but all are \$2.25 pair... \$2.25

\$1.25 COMFORTS, 95c—Full size Red Comforts with all-silk covering and clean white cotton filling. \$1.25 grade at... 95c

14c PILLOW CASES AT 10½c—These are 48x34½ inches—the size in most demand. They are entirely free from dressing and were selected from our regular 14c stock to go tomorrow... 10½c

65c SHEETS AT 50c—50x90—Blacked Sheets made of seamless standard muslin sheetings. Size 81x90 inches. Choice, each... 50c

30c DAMASK AT 19c—58-inch Turkey Red Damask in the regular 30c quality. Special, yard... 19c

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GAMBLERS' LAST STAND IS FUTILE

Speaker of House Predicts Anti-Betting Bill Will Receive 100 Votes.

WORK TO CUT THE MAJORITY

Racetrack Lobby Now Working With Idea of Winning in the Senate.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—The Godfrey substitute bill for the breeders' law to prohibit betting at racetracks will come up for final passage tomorrow morning.

Realizing that they cannot obtain further delay, the racetrack lobby is now trying to muster all the votes available and at the same time cause enough absences to prevent the bill receiving much more than a constitutional majority.

Speaker David W. J. Hill said to a Post-Dispatch reporter today that he thought the anti-gambling bill would receive at least 100 votes in the House. Only 72 votes are required for passage.

It is understood the Republican members of the lower branch of the Assembly will support the measure, with possibly two or three exceptions. Representatives Osment and Hoebner of St. Louis County are against repeal. They contend that St. Louis County approves of racetracks and hence they are unwilling to vote contrary to the wishes of their constituents.

All the racing lobby now expects to accomplish, so far as the House is concerned, is to keep down the size of the majority the anti-gambling measure will receive. If this can be done the lobby believes there will be a better chance to defeat the bill when it reaches the Senate.

When the public hearing of the breeders' law is held before the Senate committee on criminal jurisprudence, the Kansas City Ministers' Alliance will be well represented. At a recent meeting of the House committee, John C. Tarsney, cousin of Edward Corcoran, the Kansas City man who controls the stock of the Elm Ridge Club, made the statement that ministers of the gospel attended the Kansas City race meetings. This statement the ministers intend to deny.

At an executive meeting of the Kansas City Ministers' Alliance resolutions were adopted pronouncing the Elm Ridge racetrack an "unmitigated evil" and condemning the breeders' law so far as it permitted pool betting and bookmaking.

The committee composed of Rev. R. M. Neel, Rev. G. P. Bailey and Rev. Albert Bushnell was chosen to go to Jefferson City to represent the alliance.

IS ROYAL ENGAGEMENT OFF?

Quarrel Rumored to Have Parted German Crown Prince From Duchess Cecile.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—A quarrel is reported to have resulted in the breaking of the engagement between Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

The rumor is discredited in court circles. It is explained that though the crown prince and the duchess have left Florence, where they have been visiting, their departure was occasioned by the illness of the duchess's mother, the Archduchess Anastasia, at Cannes.

The crown prince and his suite arrived in Berlin last evening.

515.00 New Orleans and Return, Via Illinois Central, Feb. 20. Return limit, 21 days. For booklet, New Orleans for the Tourist and Mardi Gras, write C. C. McCarty, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

William Eddinger Dead.

William Eddinger, president of the Southern Illinois Construction Co. and one of the wealthiest and best-known of the East St. Louis business men, died at his home, 1000 North Sixth street, St. Louis, at 7 o'clock Monday morning.

He had been ill from throat trouble and heart trouble for three years, but the disease did not become dangerously acute until two weeks ago. The funeral will be held from the residence, St. Patrick's Church at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Don't Keep a Sweetheart Waiting.

You can have your Diamond today. Pay a fraction of the price and take it. We will arrange the balance so that it will be easy. Lofis Bros., 308 North Sixth street.

Schuler for City Marshal.

Joseph L. Schuler, Republican central committee member for the Fifth ward, announced that he will be a candidate for the nomination for city marshal.

Schuler's friends believe his claim for recognition on the vote of the ward at the November election.

My Offer to Kidney Sufferers

I will give you a full dollar's worth of my remedy free to try without cost or deposit or promise to pay.

I could not make this offer a full dollar's worth free—my mine was an ordinary kidney remedy. It is not. It treats not the kidneys themselves, but the nerves that control them. The cause of kidney trouble lies ALWAYS in the nerves. The only way to cure kidney trouble is by strengthening and vitalizing and restoring these kidney nerves. That is exactly what my remedy—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—does. Therefore I can make this offer with the certain knowledge that every kidney sufferer who makes this trial will be helped.

When I say "nerves," I do not mean the ordinary nerves of feeling, thought, action. I mean the automatic nerves, which night and day, unguided and unseen, control and actuate and regulate every vital process of life. These are the kidney nerves. The kidneys are their slaves. Your mind cannot control them. Your will cannot sway them. Let them be strong, and you are well; when they are not, you weaken and die.

I have written a book on the kidneys which will be sent when you write. This book explains fully and clearly how the kidneys work, and how to cure them. It is the only book of the kind. I have made no offer of this book to strangers to whom I am not intended for or to those who have used my remedy. They need no further evidence. But to those who have not heard, or hearing, may have delayed or doubted, I say "I will write and send you a copy of my book on the kidneys which will explain to you in full dollar's worth and will send the bill to me. There are no conditions—no requirements—simply write me today.

For a free offer for a full dollar's worth of my remedy, write me today. Send me your name, address, and the book "The Kidneys" will be sent you free.

Book 1 on Dropsy. Book 2 on the Heart. Book 3 on the Lungs. Book 4 for Women. Book 5 on Rheumatism. Book 6 on Kidney Trouble. Book 7 on the Stomach. Book 8 on the Bowels. Book 9 on the Skin. Book 10 on the Nerves. Book 11 on the Blood. Book 12 on the Urinary System. Book 13 on the Reproductive System. Book 14 on the Endocrine System. Book 15 on the Nervous System. Book 16 on the Muscular System. Book 17 on the Skeletal System. Book 18 on the Circulatory System. Book 19 on the Respiratory System. Book 20 on the Digestive System. Book 21 on the Excretory System. Book 22 on the Immune System. Book 23 on the Reproductive System. Book 24 on the Endocrine System. Book 25 on the Nervous System. Book 26 on the Muscular System. Book 27 on the Skeletal System. Book 28 on the Circulatory System. Book 29 on the Respiratory System. Book 30 on the Digestive System. Book 31 on the Excretory System. Book 32 on the Immune System. Book 33 on the Reproductive System. Book 34 on the Endocrine System. 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Biggest West of the Mississippi.

Will Roosevelt bury the hatchet in Washington week?

Sergius' fate may have been a shock; it was not a surprise.

Even dumping into a snowbank has not cooled Carrie Nation.

Kansans will soon be able to anoint their whiskers with their own vaseline.

When registration books are stolen and hidden under owl car seats, it is time for all decent citizens to wake up.

Outing out river and harbor appropriations in order to build battleships to protect commerce, is cutting out commerce itself.

MR. ROOSEVELT AND ARBITRATION.

One week ago today the President announced through Secretary Hay that he would not send to foreign powers for final action the treaties of arbitration, which the Senate, after amendment, had ratified. Has not deliberation convinced Mr. Roosevelt of the error of that impetuous course? Is he not now ready to further peace and atone for the slight put by his hasty act upon a co-ordinate branch of the treaty-making power by seeking to save the treaties as they stand?

The Post-Dispatch favored the ratification of the treaties as drawn by Mr. Hay on the ground that no President could ever sacrifice by "agreement" the interests or honor of the nation. But the Senate's right to amend was absolute. It was admitted by Mr. Roosevelt himself, in Mr. Hay's memorandum. Many authorities on constitutional interpretation would even agree with Mr. Wayne McVeagh that it was the Senate's duty to amend the treaties as it did. Says Mr. McVeagh:

"It is a fundamental part of our government that the right to conclude treaties binding us in our government is shared by the Senate. For senators to divest themselves of this power (by ratifying general arbitration treaties authorizing the President to act without senatorial concurrence) would, to my mind, be a failure to observe their oaths of office as well as a betrayal of their official duty."

It is not necessary to go so far as this to see that Mr. Roosevelt, by writing and by making public the Cullom letter, endeavored to bring to bear upon the Senate, in advance of its proper action, an unwarranted pressure, and that in putting the treaties in his pocket after ratification he acted in disrespect of the Senate and of its constitutional rights.

For lightly abandoning treaties which had cost so much honorable effort, and which had been hailed by all the world of peace lovers with such humane satisfaction, Mr. Roosevelt needed a reason. He sought it in the statement that the treaties as amended would be "barren." This is not a reason that appeals to reason. As the Post-Dispatch said in comment upon the President's hasty act, "No formal expression of intention to avoid war and to seek peace between nations can be quite barren."

It is not Mr. Roosevelt's nature to sulk like a child who cannot have his own way. A frank and manly reconsideration of his attitude and the forwarding of the treaties for final ratification would show great and genuine courage. It would command the respect and praise of the nation.

It would do more than that. It would serve world-wide and well the great cause of peace.

The joyous cakewalk danced by Grand Duke Vladimir after the quelling of the St. Petersburg disorder looks now a little like a dance of death.

THE FEMINE ELEMENT.

Three women have been elected to membership on the Board of Commissioners for Audubon Park, New Orleans.

The competence of women for such duties has been pretty well demonstrated and their services should have a special value.

Forest Park, for instance, would be more secure from attack if the management had a woman or two to reckon with. Women see the sentimental side first. Many never see the so-called practical side. It follows that the sentimental interests of society should be committed in part to those who have them especially at heart.

A leaven of femininity is not without value in all spheres of human achievement. It tempers, softens, humanizes the merely masculine. It may well be hoped that this influence will grow whether it assumes official public responsibility or not.

The Washington Post finds that "the dollar will not go as far today as it did a few years ago," and that "the dollars are as far as difficult to obtain as ever." The dollar does not go so far as it did, because it is stalled in Monopoly's pocket.

A ROW AMONG THE PROPHETS.

The House appropriation bill for the Agricultural Department contained a section providing that no almanac, newspaper or other publication, shall use any flag or symbol, or illustration of any flag or symbol copied or modeled after those adopted and used by the Weather Bureau, or other branch of the government service, for the purpose of publishing any weather forecasts or warnings of weather not issued by the Weather Bureau.

It took an hour for the Senate to get this absurdity out of the bill.

Senator Hale thought such trivial matters should not be made the subject of legislation. It is an instance of the departments obtruding themselves into the private affairs of the people and "seeking to multiply their own importance by hedging everybody about with penal provisions and statutes."

Of course, it is natural for the Weather Bureau to be jealous of rival prophets and prophetesses. These seers, after consulting the sun, moon and stars, or the spirits, often make long-range predictions, instantly more reliable than any given one.

by the bureau under cute banners and cunning little black and white flags. Why they should want to use the bureau flags is an enigma, but that should be nobody's business but their own. The point is that the gentlemen of the Weather Bureau, the astrologers and the psychists should restrict their belligerency to their own territory and not interrupt public business by encroaching the time of wise men whose minds are intent on rate bills, battleships, impeachments and all things of that sort.

With all the school building, there are never enough school buildings. With so great and constant an increase in the number of school children, the assertion that educated people are less inclined to marriage and large families than others can not create much of a scare.

THE ACTUAL AND FINAL TEST.

The ultimate and finally decisive control of St. Louis streets and all that depends on franchises granted over them, under them, above them, or for their use in any way whatever, vests in the people of the city, and by the people it will ultimately be exercised, should there be a pressing demand for it.

This is a fact of fundamental importance which should be kept in mind at all times. All systems of management for promoting public convenience in the use of the streets in any way whatever, are trial systems, on trial for public convenience, with public convenience as a test.

The people of St. Louis are liberal and progressive. They have no prejudice against non-resident management of enterprises which actually serve their public convenience. They will not discriminate in any way between resident and non-resident promoters of public convenience. But the promotion of public convenience is the test, actual and final.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No bets decided. Write but not quote. Send questions to Post-Dispatch, City. Use postal cards if convenient.

O. G.—Ask at hair stores.

E. W.—Astronomy works in Public Library.

E. C. B.—Goldfish hatch in two to seven days.

A.—Never write question before reading rules.

REST.—Columbian half-dollar, 50 cents.

V. H.—City water is purified with lime and iron.

McD.—Apply to trainmaster for brakeman work.

FRED.—Portland Fair, June 1 to Oct. 15, 1905.

SIS.—Write Stockgrower and Farmer, Cody, Wyo.

M. E. T. N.—Rockefeller, 26 Broadway, New York.

H. E.—No navy recruiting office here before June.

GOTTIEB.—Marriage license good for 30 days.

W. J. D.—Dockery, St. Louis vote, 58,412; 50,927.

H. R. O.—Deepest sea sounding, 30,000 to 50,000 feet.

READER.—President can serve any number of terms.

HERMAN.—Mark Twain born, Florida, Mo., Nov. 30, 1835.

G.—Ordinary railway telegraph, 20 to 30 words a minute.

B. E. L.—Strongest United States fort, Golden Gate harbor, San Francisco.

E. L. E.—"A" in house marking, generally means an upper flat, but not always.

R. J. M.—Newspaper files and magazines will give you Russian-Japanese war facts.

REGANE.—Keep frostbitten parts covered with pine tar; it costs but 15 cents a can.

MRS. Mc.—The weather bird came very near passing over, but they shawed him out.

P. L.—The "Here-Goes-in-the-Name-of-God-Theobald Matthe" medal is worth about 50 cents.

A. PATRON.—Call and see the Wagon Advertising Manager about advertisements B 141 and B 142.

LE Sourd.—Spanish-war soldier is not entitled to a pension unless disabled in the line of duty.

S. M. W.—Richest men in the world, Sayaji-Roo, Czar of Russia, Alfred Beit, John D. Rockefeller.

D.—If it is a patent you wish for your discovery, write to commissioner of patents, Washington, D. C.

E. Z. Church is a station on the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute Railroad, 6 miles southeast of St. Louis.

R. AND H.—Farm and Poultry Review, St. Louis; Poultry Journal, Quincy, Ill.; Poultry Farmer, Des Moines, Io.

B. W.—In America, American women are considered the most beautiful. In the Orient it is the men.

Z. Z.—Gen. Edward F. Jones, a blind hero, gives eyeglasses to all school children of Birmingham, N. Y., who need them.

A. B.—Everything put into the mouth to swallow should be masticated if possible. Chew an oyster and chew his eye.

C. J.—To melt scrap gold from signposts' gold leaf, graphite or good clay crucible; cover with little borax glass or oxide borax; temper at 2000.

GALLAGHER.—You can burn or drown or chew any United States coin or paper if it is your own. There is a law against mutilating United States coin for fraudulent purposes.

LITTLE.—For perspiring feet, bathe them twice a day in warm water, and freely dust with a powder composed of 1/4 dram of salicylic acid, 1 ounce oxide of zinc and 1 of lyco-

podium.

A. W.—A physician who was in Colorado 13 years doubts the advisability of one having genuine tuberculosis going among strangers. Perhaps, however, it would be well to consult some other well-informed physician.

M.—Scottish-Irish, the people of Lowland Scotland descend in habitation northern Ireland, especially descendants of the Scottish Presbyterians who settled in Scotland by a law of 1707.

Also emigrants or descendants of these people in America or elsewhere.

MRS. M.—No money can be borrowed on such an insurance policy. You had better state your wants to your fellow lodge members. It is better to tell your troubles than incur a debt from which advice may save you. Why not see the chaplain?

JOHN T. WHITING.—The woman in the railway station who wears black bits on her hair is a woman of the world.

The Methodist Episcopal Church. Her mission is to gratuitously lend a helping hand to travelers, especially women traveling without escort.

READER.—Your landlord should not put you out if you have paid your rent heretofore, nor that you are a little behind, but the law gives him the right to do so because some tenants take advantage of the law and pay a landlord and leave him unpaid when he is kind to them.

EDNA WALKER.—We do not know why they always speak of insensible things and not let us know it. Let us compliment to the fair sex, though the fair are anything but insensible. There may be no good reason. We call the moon the German call it he. We call the sun he; they know it as she.

MRS. L. Y.—For chilblains take a lump of unsalted lard, about the size of a pea, put it in a basin of water and let it melt. Then put it on the feet and let it cover the feet well and let them soak. If the feet are very cold, let them soak in as possible. Use it at night. Better not go out in the cold immediately after using it.

NED.—Your question is incomplete, because it does not state whether the bills are of the same amount each month. If a merchant, buys—say—goods amounting to \$500 each month—30 days net, 1 per cent cash ten days—then his discount represents in one year 12 per cent of \$600, or 1 per cent on \$6000. The discount is the same, practically, as though he bought on 60 days, 2 per cent cash ten days.

W.—Chile con carne: Cut a pound of round steak into small pieces and fry brown in tablespoonful of fat; add large onion, finely chopped, about five minutes before meat is done and cook tender. Add tablespoonful of sifted flour. Have ready six seeded red peppers, the skins boiled until soft; drain, add half a cup fresh water to the boiled, squeeze peppers well, add juice to water and strain it well; add to cooked meat and serve.

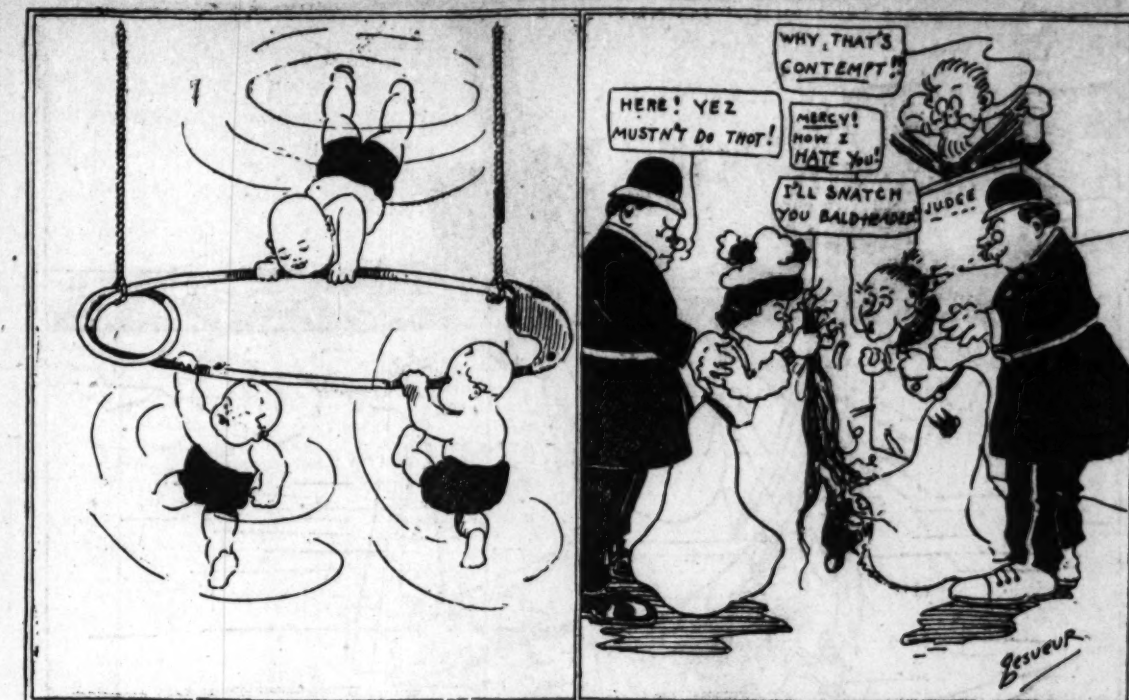
E. A. S.—The candidate referred to was not indicted. He was a poor man, operating a lively saloon, and was fined under, through favor of Gen. McDonald of whiskey-ringing and of the two Steves you mention, he secured contracts for a number of million of dollars worth of work, and was converted into "Star" routes, out of which the contractor became quickly rich. When the exposure of the "Star Route" system put a cloud on the men who had done it, the candidate's name was prominent in the list, and his association with the old Star Routes has been close through all these years.

W. H. R.—Cold air is heavier than warm air. A column of cold air in a chimney fire requires more power to lift it than the same column of warm air. A fire does not "draw" well in winter until its walls are hot, so that the upward current of air will not get chilled and fall backward. Your furnace, if it draws well, requires more air to burn than it does on warm days to consume the same amount of coal. But in order to keep the house warm on a cold day more coal must be burned than on warm days, and more air is required to burn two pounds of coal than to burn one, hence the draft or inlet must be opened wider.

P. C.—Corned beef: Cut up a quarter of beef. For each hundred weight take half a peck of coarse salt, saltpepper quarter pound, same weight of saleratus and a quart of molasses. Two pounds coarse brown sugar. Soak the beef in the salt for 24 hours, then wash it in water and add a layer of meat and salt and moist alternating until all is used. Let it remain one night. Dissolve the saleratus and saltpepper in a little warm water and put it on the molasses or sugar; then put it over the meat, add water enough to cover the meat. Lay a board on it so that the water will not get under it. Let it stand 24 hours. Then more salt may be used in warm weather. Water from Corned Beef.

THE CLUB WOMAN ON HAIR PULLING

"It Seems Too Severe a Sentence—But, as Mr. Brown Said, Maybe It Was a Switch and Came Off."



"THOSE posthumous Eekman children," said the Society Girl, "seem to be attracting a lot of attention."

"Better to be born lucky than rich," said the Club Woman. "Lucky? Why, because they came in a crowd. Suppose they had drifted along, one by one, like most of us. Do you hear of anyone buying lace and silk and fine linen for the hundreds of poor babies who are born without company? Mr. Brown says that if these triplets take the cue from their present luck and stick together through life, they'll be all right. He says he shouldn't be surprised to read on a vaudeville bill some day, 'The 3-Eekmans—3. Refined Rope Walkers.'"

"But, speaking of triplets—did you see that Judge Moore sent a woman to jail for five days for pulling another woman's hair in the courtroom? It seems too severe a sentence, but, as Mr. Brown said, maybe it was a switch and came off. I wouldn't think life imprisonment too much for a woman who pulled mine off in public, would you? O, pardon me, dear; I didn't know you were sensitive about it."

"Some women are such cats—say such nasty things with such seeming innocence—that the only wonder is more of them don't get their hair pulled. I know my fingers have itched; but of course, one can't do anything rude. All one can do is to suffer in silence until one can think of something just as cutting to say."

"The newspaper doesn't say that this woman whose hair was pulled said anything before the assault. And it doesn't say what she said afterward. I suppose it couldn't. Mr. Brown says a newspaper has to draw the line somewhere. He says some of them use the sky-line, but they're only the yellow ones. I told him I never saw a yellow sky except in an impressionist picture. An impressionist, my dear, is an artist who ignores facts because they irritate him. Mr. Brown said that's the kind of newspaper he meant."

"But about this woman who pulled hair—I still think Judge Moore made a mistake. The other woman certainly gave provocation. She made faces at her. Mr. Brown, though, says that I might not have been meant offensively."

"Why?"

"He says maybe she was trying to look pleasant."

"But why?" asked the Society Girl, "did triplets remind you of a woman sent to jail for pulling hair?"

"As I told you," said the Club Woman, "it's too much. She didn't deserve it."

GAMES FOR COLD DAYS.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable game. Try it at your next party. Give each player a sheet of paper and pencil and announce that two minutes will be allowed for writing down each of the sentences that you read out and finding the name of a city of the United States that is hidden in it.

Then read out your sentences:

1. She moves with a calm, dignified manner.

2. In hottest August inertia is the thing we desire most.

3. Is your arm sinewy or knee-joint limber?

4. For illness stomachic a good laugh is the best medicine.

5. I played blind man's buff a long time ago when I was a child.

6. Although he was not a Hindu, Luther respected the religion.

7. His burden very nearly prostrated him.

8. When you put the stove up, be sure to lay the sink level and straight.

9. Will you have soft-boiled eggs or omelet?

10. Look at the top aristocratically strutting down the street.

11. If you fall under the matrimonial ban you are done for.

12. A bargain sale! Men never go to such things.

The answers are:

1. Ithaca; 2. St. Augustine; 3. New York; 4. Chicago; 5. Buffalo; 6. Duluth; 7. Denver; 8. Cleveland; 9. Rome; 10. Paris; 11. Albany; 12. Salem.

Games of Answers.

Here is a game that can be started at a moment's notice anywhere, and that will make fun for many a quarter of an hour that otherwise would lag.

One girl propounds a question, such as:

"If I were a lamp-post, what would you do with me?"

The girl whose turn is next must answer with a sentence that shall have at least three words in it that begin with the same letter as the noun "lamp-post." For instance, she might say:

"The next girl may ask:

"Will you lend me a dollar?"

The reply may be:

"I dare say I would donate it, if I were not too dolefully poor."

The answers that are made on the spur of the moment are often so ludicrous that they would make an owl laugh.

Guess Who I Am.

This is a simple little game, but it makes lots of fun. One advantage about it is that it requires no thinking, no knowledge of books, no preparation of any kind; it is just a jolly game to make boys and girls of any age rear with laughter.

One of the players is to be blindfolded, and the others stand about the room as they please. The blindfolded one then walks or gropes around until he touches a player, and the player touched must then stand still and make a noise in imitation of some animal; say a cat, a dog, a cow, a pig or a horse.

If the blindfolded player chooses, he can have the sound made three times, and if he then guesses the name of the person, the person takes his place. If he does not guess correctly he releases the player and tries again.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

A woman is at peace with herself when she is at war with a neighbor.

The more children a woman raised, the less her grandchildren think she knew about it.

It's very easy for a boy to get up early to go to school when that is his day for playing hooky.

Having a cold is an awful pain thing for your wife to be able to experiment on you with a lot of new remedies she read about—New York Free.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER VIEWS

This Morning's Comments on Today's News by the Leading Metropolitan Journals.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—In discussing "parcel post" today the World says: "The government has made a parcel-post treaty with Great Britain by which packages 4½ pounds in weight may be sent from each country to any place in the other. Why may not a man in New York, as well as one in London, mail a parcel to Chicago? There are four reasons, long ago stated by John Wanamaker. One reason is the American Express Co. Another reason is the Wells-Fargo Express Co., another reason is the United States Express Co. and the fourth is the Adams Express Co. But there is no good reason."

Police Captain O'Brien's general order to professional crooks to keep out of New York City is not understood to be a slur on the United States Senate.—The Press.

The Sun urges larger pay for the President and life pensions for ex-presidents.

"This is not a proposal of generosity, but of wisdom," the Sun says. "The increase to \$100,000 is sure to be made within a few years. Unless it is made within the next 12 days, Mr. Roosevelt will be excluded from participation in the benefits of the tardily-enacted measure. Let the senators and representatives of both parties, therefore, unite in grasping the short-lived opportunity."

"We believe that the present state of public opinion would also warrant the passing of a general act providing a life pension of \$50,000 a year for presidents of the United States after their retirement from office. Experience has shown how few the recipients of such a pension are likely to be at any given time. There is now living in all the land but one citizen who would be entitled to receive the pension if the law existed."

The Sun urges that if a pension be granted that the law embrace Mr. Cleveland.

When the Chinese crusade against small faces becomes effective and big feet are once more the fashion in far Cathay, perhaps China will be able to put her foot down effectively upon such aggressions as that which led to the present war.—Tribune.

Restraint of Trusts.

The Press wants to see some old familiar faces behind prison bars. It remarks to-day: "A difference of opinion appears to exist between the attorney-general and the Standard Oil Trust on the question whether imprisonment can be imposed upon persons guilty of a conspiracy in restraint of trade. The President has accepted the trust's invitation to a test of federal power by sending Commissioner Garland to Kansas to gather evidence necessary to a conviction."

Things One Ought to Do.

Chicago News.

Why don't you answer your friend's letter at once? It will have double value if written promptly and take no more time than by and by.

Why don't you make the promised visit to that invalid? She is looking for you day after day, and "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

Why don't you send away that little gift you've been planning to send? Mere kind intentions never accomplish any good.

Why don't you speak out the encouraging words that you have in your thought? Unless you express them they are of no use to others.

Why don't you try to share the burden of that sorrowful one who works beside you? Is it because you are growing selfish? Why don't you take more pains to be self-sacrificing and loving in the everyday home life? Time is rapidly passing. Your dear ones will not be with you all ways.

Why don't you create around you an atmosphere of happiness and helpfulness, so that all who come in touch with you may be made better?

Most women would rather be flattered than praised.

Many people marry for money and some for love of money.

Contentment may be better than money, but it is equally rare.

"Criminal prosecution of the Rocketeers and Rogers should land them in prison, or prove beyond question that the penalty for their crimes against the people is ridiculously ineffectual."

"Nothing less than imprisonment for directors of monopolies is effectual punishment. A fine of \$100,000 a week for the Standard Oil Trust would not be enough to stop Standard Oil extortion. The trust would take the fine out of the people in less time than it would take to transfer the money from the treasury of the trust to the United States treasury."

"If burglars and forgers were fined a small percentage of the profits of their crimes a great many people now engaged in honest occupation would take to burglary and forgery. The difference between these classes of crime is only the difference of magnitude. If the thief who steals your purse can be sent to prison, the trust criminal who swindles the people of millions deserves no lesser penalty."

"In no other way can the people master the plutocracy, except by choosing the other evil of socialism."

"Evidently the Standard Oil Co. should either increase its holdings in the Kansas Legislature of sell out.—The World."

Mrs. Hetty Green appears as the author of an article in the American today, and in commenting on it the American says: "Because she chooses to pay not over 25 cents for her breakfast many people think Hetty Green is a foolish, miserly old woman. That view is wrong. Hetty Green has been fighting selfish men all of her active life and she has won most of her fights. If she is a little peculiar, it is because she has been busy most of the time watching her business and teaching other women by her acts what a business woman can do if she is persistent. She has also been fighting the lawyers, and fighting lawyers is trying on the nerves."

"But Hetty Green writes down a lot of sound advice. Her first suggestion is 'to mind your own business.' Her best suggestion is 'not to wait to play the elephant.' If some people can not occupy the middle of the stage they will not play. Mrs. Green says: Do your best at whatever you are engaged in. If saloon keepers sold better liquor there would be less drunkenness. If restaurant keepers took more care in cooking there would be less indigestion. If all physicians were more careful there would be few successful operations followed by septic fever. But the trouble is that nearly all of us don't do our best unless we are in the limelight or unless we are the elephant. That woman was always trying to make old people happy. If all the men and women of New York would follow the rule of Mrs. Green's ideal woman for a week they would make a marvelous change for the better in this town."

Reuts in St. Louis.

By the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

It would like to turn "Lower East" into a district in St. Louis exclusively for workmen; where rents are very reasonable, from \$100 to \$150 per month, including filtered water. Those \$20 to \$30 flats are only for the sake of the money.

WORKMAN.

In Defense of Hoboes.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

To leave town, I hardly think it fair, as there is nothing doing this new weather and the class of workmen construction and railroad work. As a rule they have the misfortune to spend their summer's earnings in St. Louis before winter begins. There are good men among them in need of work. In shivering snow for the city they would be far superior to the class of hobo who has been here, who can hardly make their foreman understand them, and who last the boss on construction work about five minutes. The city could get a lot of good workmen for a week if it took eight of the class now at work. As for poor office that can't tell a workman from a crook. Offer these hobo work. If they refuse, then chase them out.

A READER.

Labor Conditions at Portland.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The editor of the "Oregonian" comments on the fact that the city is overrunning with people from all walks of life and no prospect of a better local labor market. Conditions could not be worse. It

THE GIRL WITH GREY EYES

BY IVAN WHIN

Author of "Myra," "The Rise of Rose," "Benedicta," "The Shadow Clue,"
"Gartha" and "A Sapphire Princess."

THE STORY OF A ST. LOUIS OFFICE MYSTERY.

Begins Monday—Ends Sunday.

CHAPTER I

A Girl and a Mystery.

ARTHUR FORD hurried out of his office on the fifth floor of the Missouri-Lincoln building and ran toward the elevator calling: "Down five." A car packed full of people just as eager to be home as he, descended swiftly, passing his floor. He pushed the "down" elevator button. Other cars flashed by, all heavily laden.

"Next time I move I'll get a top floor office," he said to himself.

Just then a red light showed at the far end of the line of elevators. He ran thither and as the door rattled open he observed there was "just room for one more."

He crowded into the cage with less than his usual courtesy and became conscious that his nearest neighbor was a woman.

"I beg your pardon," he said to her. She smiled and nodded but was silent. He turned his head to look at her, for the smile was attractive; he found her pleasant, pretty and sweet, with the most adorable warm grey eyes.

Grey eyes had never been given to Ford's ideals of feminine loveliness. He had known few women whose eyes were grey, and they had not commended themselves to him. He had come to associate the color with a certain calculating hardness, an unpleasant shrewdness, with greediness.

But he remembered that all the grey eyes he had known had been thin in color and coldly bright, while the eyes into which he looked were warm and rich in color.

Then, too, their setting had much to do with fixing his admiration. The brows were finely marked and delicately curved, the lashes were long, even the under lashes, which are usually but a mere line. The mouth was big, as are the mouths of all warm-hearted, generous people, and the skin was as satiny and finely tinted as a baby's. The hair was nut brown. Now "nut brown" is a definite shade, albeit nuts range from the white hickory to the black walnut and there are many shades of brown between. This girl's hair might be called butternut, which is a brown that verges on red and catches the light as does golden hair.

All this Ford saw in the brief moment of the elevator's descent, and he resolved that here was his ideal of a lovely woman. He did not see that her chin was too full, her nose lacked refinement and her hands were large. When he came to take note of her hands he thought them the most beautiful in the world, and indeed they were supple and very white and soft to the touch, but firm and strong in the clasp.

"I hope I didn't annoy you crowding in so unceremoniously," he said as they stepped out of the elevator.

"Indeed not," she said, and he noted with increased satisfaction there was just the wee-bit whiff of a brogue in her speech.

The street doors were opened for the exit of a stream of men and girls, and the news boys' raucous cries entered: "All about the boodle sensation!"

"Have they caught another delegate?" she asked.

"It's a conviction, Lehmann sent up for five years," he said, and launched into a discussion of bootlegs and bootlegging. The girl with grey eyes had read as much as he of the subject and talked as readily.

He allowed her to lead the way and she took him to the suburban car at Sixth and Locust streets, although he had been hasting to get an Olive with just time to get home, change his clothes and keep an early dinner engagement.

The girl with grey eyes would have taken a crowded car, but he took command and they got on an empty car going around the loop.

"It's only a matter of five minutes more and comfort," he explained.

"I don't mind standing," she said, "only some days I'm tired and the air is bad in the cars and it makes one feel so heavy."

He bought a Post-Dispatch and they read with comments the story of Lehmann's conviction. She leaned against him with the carelessness of a man, and Ford had much ado to keep a calm exterior. Never for a word did their talk become in any wise personal to themselves, and it was an astounding shock to him when he rose to leave her at Grand avenue to hear her say as calmly as if they had known each other half a lifetime.

"Good night, Mr. Ford."

It was rather undignified and boyish, but it is nevertheless true that he arrived at the Missouri-Lincoln at a quarter of eight the next morning and stood in the entrance hall until half-past ten watching for the girl with grey eyes. Then, as she had not arrived, he went sheepishly to his office and tried to unravel the intricacies of a case. It is to be hoped that he did not charge his client on the basis of that day's

work for in honesty the fee would have been nil. He spent much time eyeing the windows of offices across the court, in walking through the corridors above the fifth floor and in riding in the elevators.

He left his office half an hour before the time on the previous evening and stationed himself at the bottom of the elevators, where he could see all the passengers emerge. At 7 o'clock he went home, thoroughly tired and contemptuous of himself.

Now Ford was 30 years old. He should have known better. He had noted the folly of many a love-sick man, and had joined the crowd in heaping ridicule on them. He was big and strong and healthy. His ash blonde hair that had just a hint of curl in it, his ruddy, good humored face and blue eyes and big shoulders attracted many a woman's eye. He had known casual acquaintances, had found a satisfaction in gaining the affectionate friendship of pretty women, but his heart had never been involved in any of these affairs. There were a dozen girls who called him Arthur, and would be glad if he would invite them to supper intimacy. Of this he was unconscious, and his brotherlyness grew exasperating to those who had hoped.

In all his life he had never before made a woman's acquaintance without an introduction. He had never before known a woman without knowing her name and the names of her friends. At the beginning of every acquaintance with the women he knew had been a review of mutual friends.

"What a chump I've made of myself today," he said as he gazed moodily out of the car window. His door vanished in an instant and he started from his seat as he saw emerging from the Century building the girl with grey eyes.

She was with a short, rugged man, one who instantly suggested to the eye great strength and great agility. He was gesticulating violently and Ford saw that she was smiling. She looked full at Ford as the car brought him in front of her and she bowed formally. He watched her as he had and ran instantly to the back of the car. There he checked himself.

His eyes, only, followed the man and woman as they went south on Ninth street until they were hidden behind the Frisco building.

Ford read late that night, for having shamelessly neglected his work during the day he resolved on industry. Near midnight he was preparing for bed when his telephone bell rang. He looked at the instrument irresolutely for a moment, debating the propriety of encouraging riotous friends by answering them at that hour of the night, then he put the receiver to his ear.

"Hello," he said.

"Is that Mr. Ford?" came over the wire, and he marveled at himself, for he knew instantly that it was the voice of the girl with grey eyes.

"Could you see a gentleman on a legal matter immediately? I know the hour is late, but the matter is of great importance."

"Yes, if it would oblige you."

"O, it would."

"Shall you come with him?"

"No, I don't think that is necessary. She seemed to be considering the point, and spoke very slowly."

"Wouldn't you prefer that I come where you are?"

"No, that is impossible—I mean it wouldn't be convenient. He'll be up to see you inside a quarter of an hour."

"Who?"

"O, yes, I didn't tell you. It's Cyrus Hendricks."

"The detective?"

"Yes."

"Well—"

"Now don't say you won't see him, for you know you promised, and it is very important to me."

"But I am not in criminal practice," he demurred.

"Goodby," she said hastily, and he knew he was in for it, whatever the call might mean.

When the doorbell rang he went down and opened the door himself. On the step was the rugged little man he had seen with the grey-eye girl.

"Who is it?" he asked cautiously.

"Hendricks. You got a phone?"

"Yes. Come in." He took his visitor up to his study and closed the door. "Now what is your business?"

"Mr. Ford, I've got to tell you a long tale in a mighty short time, 'cause we want to get action and you've got to know what you're up against. You heard of the Nostra Sanora mine? Everybody heard of it. Big thing. Fred Blanchard and George Mooney floated the thing and sold a lot of stock. They kept control and operated the mine to suit themselves. When it began to pay big the Mexicans came down on them for extra royalties." He made a significant gesture with his hand behind him. "They paid at first and the demands grew. Blanchard fixed up a tale that the mine was costing more than it produced, that the pocket had given out, and he was pushing on in hope he'd find another pocket. Then he had to adopt a new scheme of shipment. He couldn't send big bricks of gold under guard to the railroad. He got his brother and his nephew and Mooney's wife's nephew to go down to Sanora. They ran the gold in little bricks, and the relations took to riding from the mine to the railroad carrying all the gold they conveniently could without attracting any attention. They'd ship their little packages of 'quartz samples' without anybody noticing, and it all came to one office in a dozen names."

"Now these packages ain't carried as gold by the express company. They come marked 'no value' or 'value \$25' and when they arrive there's a girl receipts for them and tosses them on a table until the driver is gone. Then she unwraps the package and takes the little brick down to the assay office and gets an order on the Sub-treasury for money."

of those little bricks to St. Louis, and the express company shows receipts for 327 'quartz samples' delivered to the office. There's one lost and in riding in the elevators, there's 326 samples received. Where have they gone? Did the girl swipe them? No, sir. She has hired me to find them."

"The company can't make a holler, because they have been cheating the Mexican government of mine royalty and gold export tax, and if it was found out they'd lose their concession. So the girl is safe if she did swipe the 326 bricks, but I tell you she hires me to find them."

"Who is she?" asked Ford.

"Why, she 'phoned me," said Hendricks. "Yes, but what is her name?"

The detective looked shrewdly at Ford. "All right," he said. "I don't understand, but I'm careful all right. No names of principals from me."

"Who retains me?" Ford asked, taking another tack.

"I do," said Hendricks, and he laughed applause of his own shrewdness.

"Well, listen, I've seen the express book and looked up the signatures of the receivers and I find there are two. One is the girl and the other is Mooney's wife's nephew. His name is Patrick Hanrahan, but he don't sign his own name. He writes just as the girl does 'Humphries'. Now, I'm a pretty good handwrite expert, but I'm not dead sure. I think I know a whole lot, but I ain't banking on it. When I find this clew I search around to find if the gold has been sold and I can't find any trace of it from New Orleans to Duluth or Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon. So I think it's in his blessed room this second. He's got the room so locked and bolted, my wife men and strong arms can't get in and we got to have a warrant to open that door."

"But I told, er—I told the young lady I was not in criminal practice."

"Exactly, and we can't go to any of that bunch. They'd beed us good in a game like this, where no one dare say a word. We got to come to someone she knows is straight and will look after her interests without making a high touch."

"When did Hanrahan come back from Mexico?"

"He got galled on his job in less than a month after he got down there. They had just got the Cayuse express running regularly when he quit and came home. The next day after he got home the strange signature got into the express book."

"Suppose we get a search warrant and enter his room and find the gold there, what is to prevent him from claiming it as his own, knowing that Blanchard and Mooney don't dare fight him in the courts?"

"Nothing unless you throw the gaff into him and scare him stiff. It's got to be a grand game of bluff."

"I'd like to talk with er—"

"The young lady? all right. I'll get her on the phone."

Hendricks went to the telephone and Ford heard him mumbling cautiously into the transmitter. Presently he called Ford.

"Hello, who is this?" Ford asked.

"Oh, Mr. Ford, will you help me?" said the unmistakable voice.

"I cannot do so unless you tell me who you are."

"Don't ask me to do that now, Mr. Ford. I will tell you everything as fast as I can, but you must not ask it now."

"You ask me to secure a search warrant in a case where I know there can be no prosecution, and yet you deny me the name of my principal. Do you know I have been asked to do something that is considered dishonorable in my profession?"

"But how would my name change it? You know me; you even recognised my voice over the telephone."

"I'll not move an inch in the matter until I know who you are."

"It is past 1 o'clock," he said. "I do not see the necessity for haste tonight."

"Don't see the necessity? Why hasn't he told you Mr. Blanchard will be here in the morning?"

"No, he did not tell me that, but even so. It is just as well to tell him what you have learned and let him move for the recovery of the gold."

"But he holds me responsible."

"Can he do more than discharge you?"

"Infinitely more."

"What?"

"I cannot, cannot tell you."

"He dare not charge you with theft."

"He dare do anything."

"But according to Hendricks that would bring about the forfeiture of his concession."

"Can't you see that he need not prosecute me for stealing gold. There are enough of the 'quartz samples' missing to make a very substantial charge."

"What is the value of the missing gold?"

"About \$50,000."

Ford whistled. "Then they shipped about \$150,000 in that trust-to-luck method?"

"One hundred and eighty-six thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars."

"You are very exact."

"The figures are burned into my memory."

"Were you under bond?"

"No."

"Well, I tell you I do not fancy Hendricks' plan at all. I advise you to see me in the morning and authorize me to see Hanrahan for you. It is up to him to move for the recovery of the gold, and I promise you that he will not even discharge you."

"Do you think you can manage him? He is the most terribly self-centered man I ever knew. He is coming here with a fixed idea and it will take a miracle to change him from his course."

"I will perform the miracle." His ringing positiveness made her gasp. He heard the sound over the wire and waited silently.

"Perhaps you are right," she said softly. "I will trust you. Do as you think best. I will see you in the morning."

When he went back to his study Hendricks was gone. How had he got out and why did he go so secretly?

A new suspicion entered Ford's mind. "If it's that," he said, "they'll not catch me napping."

To Be Continued in the Post-Dispatch Tuesday.

"The Fugitive Blacksmith."

Charles D. Stewart's book, "The Fugitive Blacksmith"—a quaint title that—will be published by The Century company Feb. 15. It is interesting to know that this man of 37 has held steadily to an ideal of authorship since boyhood, though a wandering life was forced upon him for many years. For the last 12 years he has been an engraver in Chicago, part of the time an official of the photo-engravers' union. He has put into the book, it is said, many experiences gained in his enforced pillar-to-post life; and a strong mingling of humor, pathos and human interest is promised the reader.

Cheer Up Again!

As it is said, the darkest hour is just before the dawn.

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